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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	: 10/799,143	Confirmation No. 7913
Filing Date	: March 11, 2004	
Inventor(s)	: Lutz Biedermann, et al.	
Title	: ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY, METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF	
Group Art Unit	: 3733	
Examiner Name	: Mary C. Hoffman	
Docket No.	: 56717/B884	Date: May 12, 2010

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**MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

**1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a.   X   Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1)   X   An Action was mailed by the Office on November 12, 2009, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and  
\_\_\_\_\_ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_ via Express Mail  
\_\_\_\_\_ with certificate of electronic transmission under 37 CFR § 1.8
- X   that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request  
\_\_\_\_\_ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Issue Fee has not been paid  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Pending (with review proceeding active)

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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

**2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)**

**a. Previously submitted**

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on  
☐ Other:

**b. Enclosed**

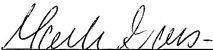
- ☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
☒ Petition for Extension of Time  
☐ Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

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**PART I — BASIC FEE**

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$405.00	Large Entity \$810.00	\$810.00
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**PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	27	*27	0	x \$26.00	x \$52.00	0
Independent Claims	3	**6	0	x \$110.00	x \$220.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$195.00	\$390.00	
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FEE</b>						<b>\$</b>
List Independent Claims: 1, 10 and 21						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
Please deduct \$810.00 from Deposit Account No. 03-1728.
  - b.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.